

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Fedowitz for indicating that Claims 2, 4 and 6 are free of the prior art. Applicants submit that, in view of the amendments and the attached Terminal Disclaimer, all of the pending claims are now allowable.

The rejection of Claims 1 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph has been obviated by amendment. As the Examiner will note, the claims have been amended such that they are free of the criticisms outlined on page 2 of the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respect that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

The rejections of Claims 1, 3, 5 and 7 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1, 2, 3 and 13 of Application No. 10/231,074 (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0187251 now U.S. Patent 6,727,358) is obviated by the attached Terminal Disclaimer. In view of the Terminal Disclaimer, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

In light of the above Remarks contained herein, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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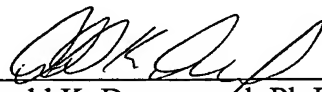
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